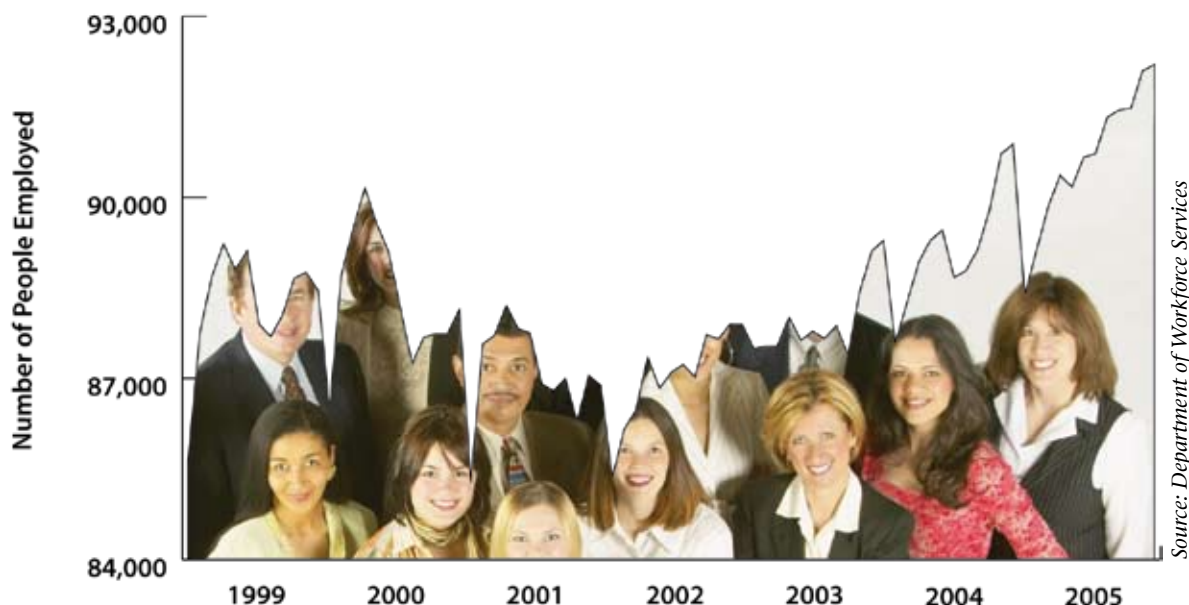


# Weber County



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Weber County is located on the north end of Utah's urban corridor. Ogden, the county's largest city, has been historically known as "Hub City," a moniker derived from the importance of the railroad in earlier days. A newer nickname, at least of the Ogden area, is "Junction City," which is part of a burgeoning economic development project to add new life to downtown Ogden.

Weber County's population is growing. Since 1990 some 55,000 persons, originating both from immigration and from natural increase, have been added to the count, lifting the total from about 159,000 to 214,000. Jobs are a big player in why population has grown. Even with the recession that struck hard, resulting in Weber County actually losing jobs, the county is coming out of these doldrums with more jobs now than in 2000. In terms of numbers, this equates to jobs increasing from 88,300 in 2000 to 90,460 in 2005.

Weber County has always been known for manufacturing activity, and it still is. The area has suffered the ill effects of the national and state economic downturn that hit manufacturing hard. Between 2001 and 2005 in Weber County this industry has shed 2,160 jobs. The economic recovery is well underway and Weber's manufacturing industry's downward trend is turning around with new additions in the

aerospace and ski industries. Although not out of the woods yet, Weber's economy is holding its own and all indicators point toward steady growth in population and employment. ⓘ

- Ogden is continuing to revitalize its downtown with the development of the old mall site with a new recreation center, theatres, children's' museum, and other commercial and residential building.
- Weber County is on its way to becoming an aerospace center with the addition of the Adam's Aircraft plant and other aerospace-related businesses.
- Commuting...Of the 90,600 workers who resided in Weber County (in 2000), 29 percent did not work in Weber County. Most of the commuters worked in Davis County (18 percent of total Weber workers, or 16,700) or Salt Lake County, which attracted 6,400, or 7 percent, of all Weber employees.
- Along with manufacturing, government is an important employer in Weber County. In fact, four of the five largest employers are in either federal, state, or local government.